



The PROBUS Pilot

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THE PREZ SEZ:

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and I wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year! Zdenek, our Program director, has some very interesting speakers lined up for 2012 as you'll see later on in the newsletter. So we hope to see you on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 for the first one. Bring a friend anytime. If they enjoy it they may decide to join our club.

Respectfully,
Ruth Howes, President

This month's meeting: Tues., January 10

MEMBERSHIPS

If you haven't yet paid your dues and you wish to keep your membership in good standing, *which includes receipt of the monthly newsletter*, please visit the membership table during coffee time before the January 10 meeting and make your annual payment in cash or by cheque. Thank you.

GUEST SPEAKER THIS MONTH:

ALLISON KNIGHT
Legal Counsel
OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION
COMMISSIONER OF CANADA

Allison Knight is Legal Counsel for the Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada. She provides legal advice to the Commissioner on a wide range of access matters as well as representing the OIC in judicial review hearings before the Federal Court.

Allison also serves on the Executive of the Ontario Bar Association as its Newsletter Editor. She previously held the positions of Legal Counsel, Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario; and Staff Counsel, Director of International Privacy, and Research Director of Privacy and Human Rights 2006 with the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington, D.C. Allison holds degrees in Music and Law from the University of Western Ontario.

Upcoming Guest Speakers in 2012:

February-

MARIE LEMAY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

March-

GRETE HALE
AUTHOR, COOKIE MAKER,
BUSINESS CHAIRWOMAN, AND
RECIPIENT OF THE ORDER OF
CANADA

April-

TO BE ANNOUNCED

May-

PETER MILLIKEN
FORMER SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
OF COMMONS

June-

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Find Probus on line:

To find us on the Web please go to www.kanataseniors.ca, click on “Activities, then “Outside Activities” and then “Probus”.

A NEW LUNCHEON VENUE!

It’s been a club tradition that we lunch together at a local restaurant right after our morning meeting and, quite often, we are joined by the guest speaker.

At the start of each meeting we ask for an indication of the number planning to attend and a section of

the restaurant is reserved accordingly. Starting this month we are going to try out a new restaurant:

Scores Rotisserie and Ribs.

Scores has a wide selection of menu items including an extensive salad bar and is located in the Kanata Centrum complex as shown in the map below.

Come along and join us at Scores after our January meeting for good eating and stimulating conversation.



OUR OWN NEW EMAIL ACCOUNT:

Peter van Boeschoten has activated a club email account so that Probus members may send questions or comments to the members of the executive should they wish to do so. The address is:
probuswesternottawa@gmail.com

PROBUS SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY, 2012:



Celebrate Robbie

Burns Night at the Stittsville Lions Club located on the Stittsville Main Street on Saturday, January 28, 2012. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and the cost is only \$25.00 per person. Try some haggis with your Prime Rib dinner.

Entertainment will be provided by the Arnprior McNab Pipe and Drum Band along with Highland dancers.

(Sign-up sheets will be available at our January 10 meeting.)

Also in the New Year we will be commencing our 'Lunch Out' club. For our first lunch we will meet for Italian food at Zola's Restaurant, 194 Robertson Rd., on Thursday, January 19th at 12:00 noon. Subsequent venues and types of food will be decided by the group.

(Sign-up sheets will be available at our January 10 meeting.)

Webmaster needed ASAP

A web site of our own would be extremely useful as it would provide ready access to notices, news, speakers, photos, newsletters,

upcoming events and historical material – all on line.

Therefore our club is planning to have a web site of its own in the next few months. We are hoping that there is someone within our club who is interested in helping set it up and maintaining it.

If you have some background in website operations please contact Peter van Boeschoten at 613-591-5610.

Welcome New Members!

Members who have joined since the fall are:

May and Malcolm Young, Frank Bohm, Graham Ferguson, Doug Hinchcliffe, Sheila and Orion Clark, Liz Labenek, K. Jean Reid, Sandra Ponech, Lenna Gore, Micheline Walker, Trudy Valentine, Vernon Sulway and Doug Harvey-Smith.
WELCOME ALL!!

Do you like to play Euchre or Bridge? ...or would you like to learn to play?

Probus Club members host a Euchre and Bridge group on the first Friday of each month at 1 p.m. at Bell's Corners United Church. For more information please contact Pat Stoate at 613-820-0174.

Do you know something that you feel would be of interest to our membership?

For instance, if you know someone we should congratulate or with whom we should sympathize, please contact Maggie Sheehan

(613-825-4035), who will take appropriate action on behalf of the Club.

2921) or another member of the Program Committee.

Got a good idea for a guest speaker?

Please contact Zdenek Kvarda (613-592-

Know of a great social outing?

Please talk to Isabel Balon (613-831-0057) or another member of the Social Committee.



The Chuckle Corner

ROUND LIKE A SHOT

Going to bed the other night I noticed people in my shed stealing things. I phoned the police but was told no one was in the area to help. They said they would send someone over as soon as possible. I hung up.....

A minute later I rang again: "Hello, I called you a minute ago because there were people in my shed. You don't have to worry now, I shot them".

Within minutes there were half a dozen police cars in the area plus helicopters and an armed response unit. They caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the officers said: "I thought you said you'd shot them!"

To which I replied: "I thought you said there was no one available."

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The PROBUS Club of Western Ottawa meets on the second Tuesday of each month, September through June, at the Kanata United Church, 33 Leacock Drive in Kanata.

- 10:00: coffee and social time
- 10:30: VERY brief business meeting
- 10:45: speaker
- Following each meeting members and guests are invited to gather for lunch (at their own expense) at Scores Rotisserie and Ribs in the Kanata Centrum complex – please see map location on page 2.

VISITORS WILL ALWAYS RECEIVE A WARM WELCOME.

How do I find you?

Exit Highway 417 at Eagleson/March Road. Just north of the exit take Campeau Drive west. At the first light turn right (north) onto Teron Road. At the first light, turn left (west) onto The Parkway. At the first (and only) stop sign, turn right onto Leacock Way. Follow Leacock Way to its end at Leacock Drive. **Kanata United Church** is in front of you, across the street.

PARKING at the church is limited. If full, please park in the large lot of the school next to the church or on the side of Leacock Drive where parking is permitted. ***In fact, unless you have difficulty walking, please consider parking away from the front of the building in order to allow those who may be physically restricted easier access and exit.***